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#### Opportunity.

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tunity. It was an opportunity of vic- their adoption when other causes of tory, not of disaster. It was taken.

Is the Evil Eye of the Democracy yet to make another Bryanite opportunity out of that good fortune?

To the thousand men who dined in his honor on Saturday evening WILLIAM SULZER, the Governor-elect of New York, gave a concise epitome of the January 1. He said:

" As the Governor of New York I shall the people of the State an honest, an efficient, an economical and a businesslike administration of public affairs " I say businesslike advisedly, because

assure the business men in every part of our State that they can rely on me at all commercial interests of our city and our ardor of the party that murdered the Present giving is controlled by good you probably know, that my wide excommonwealth.

"I realize how important they are, and shall ever be exceedingly careful to take no step to jeopardize the financial supremacy of the first city and State in the Union.

"To the best of my ability I shall make honesty and simplicity, economy and efficiency the watchwords of my administration of the government of New York.

Could any man on assuming office utter a pledge more satisfactory, more encouraging, than to make honesty. simplicity, economy and efficiency the watchword of his administration? If Governor Sulzer succeeds in carrying his political opponents, notably Cleout the programme of Governor-elect MENCEAU and COMBES, who are striving SULZER his service to the State will be great and fruitful.

## Insanity Experts.

quently defeated by so-called experts no desire to succeed Fallières, only in insanity that Judges are beginning to follow Louber into obscurity: to apply their own common sense even At the moment, in his present position. if its decision is against that of the POINCARÉ is one of the conspicuous expert's opinion. The prolongation of figures of European affairs. His relatrials, the muddling of the jurors' judg- tion to the Balkan struggle, his successment of the actual facts by complicated ful efforts to preserve European peace hypothetical questions, which are often have earned for him a prestige hardly framed by shrewd counsel on both sides exceeded by that of any Prime Minister with that view; the enormous expense of the Third Republic save GAMBETTA. entailed by the employment of these After nearly a year, a long life for a experts, and the too frequent result in French Cabinet, his "ministry of all the mistrials have so dissatisfied the in- talents," which was created in consetelligent public that it is high time that quence of the Moroccan dispute, resteps be taken to bring order out of mains intact and powerful. chaos in this momentous matter.

of five prominent alienists to inquire litical career. into the mental condition of the accused With Poincaré and Bourgeois elimi-McKinley out of the way; that Schrank all predecessors. followed his victim until he fulfilled the with counsel and conduct his defence?" the commission replied in the negative. In accordance with this finding of an unbiassed and competent tribunal Judge BACKUS ordered SCHRANK to be committed to an insane asylum. This simcontentions of alienist experts.

mary manner make inquisition to ascer- confronts the anthropologists. indefinitely, and the court shall there- single entry. upon order that he be confined in one Osteological considerations argue that

If similar laws are not on the statute portmanteau theory. books of this and other States they the lead of Wisconsin.

handed justice may be meted out, cipia of speech, There are some insanity experts whose knowledge is derived from books; indeed, there are few who have lived and are really competent to make a more on Governor Wilson: correct diagnosis of insanity than the common sense general practitioner. Just as the surgeon has been judiciously assigned work distinguished from that of the gynecologist, so should the neu-If our friends who favor us with manuscripts and rologist be differentiated from the alien-

#### Debt Collection by Judge Lynch.

Saturday night Mr. BRYAN spoke to of Judge Lynch was restricted to "the should be regarded with a hopeful zeal, friend of peace I might decide upon war in 1885 and General Sherman in 1891. Of the toast "Opportunity." A good many one crime." Nobody nowadays pre- almost with a pious tenderness. The if I thought that thereby the country of the brethren must have seen the tends that only one offence so infuriates scant and measured phrase of Mr. irony of the subject. For sixteen years whites against blacks as to make re- O'GORMAN must have been a disapthe Democratic party has been Mr. course to the courts impracticable. So pointment to his hearers, at least to BRYAN'S opportunity (and milch cow); the hanging of a negro in South Caro- so many of them as are itching for a and he has made a mighty good thing lina for refusing to pay a note will not Federal job. cause surprise, at least. It is pretty The one real Democratic opportunity generally recognized that the tolerain sixteen years came to the Democracy, tion of extra-legal methods in punish-It was not Mr. BRYAN's kind of oppor- ing one crime must inevitably lead to irritation are found.

failure to take up which resulted in happiness: the murder by a mob of HENRY FITTS "We are in the front vestibule of a Christour loan sharks, in which the consider- and joylal. were able to get his story before it, gift books in too great number." Is it beyond probability that something To the south of Long Island Sound market. Appoint me Attorney-General more potent than ambition to teach and to the west of Connecticut, Massa- and Honest Tom Lawson will have tales negroes the bad morals of refusing to chusetts and Vermont, things are better. times to do my utmost to promote the pay debts may have contributed to the Our weather is pleasant and salubrious. warms my blood. Need I tell you what unhappy Firts?

### The French Presidency

Since the refusal of M. Leon Bour-Since the refusal of M. LEON BOUR-GEOIS to become a Presidential candi-trains on time. Nobody has to struggle opinions turn to the pages of the Commoner to be care and toying. Jolling descends: date, a refusal fortified by a physician's certificate, removes the only conspicuous possibility, it is clear that the supposedly ideal situation of the office seeking the man exists in France.

There are, to be sure, not a few suggestions in foreign despatches that the honor is within the grasp of the present Premier, M. RAYMOND POINCARÉ. Even to defeat proportional representation, are described as quite willing to see New York SANTA CLAUS is a very real finishing things up brown. stairs" into the Elysée. But it is quite The ends of justice have been so fre- as apparent that M. Poincaré has cares to make his acquaintance.

As President of the French Republic The recent disposal of the case of M. Poincaré would be less than a no-SCHRANK, the man who made an almost body in European affairs as well as in successful attempt on the life of ex- French politics. A relatively young President Roosevelt, should serve as an | man, whose recent successes have promexample of speedy and fair judgment to ised a brilliant future, he plainly shrinks all future trial Justices. Judge BACKUS from the office which brings no distincof Wisconsin appointed a commission tion, but inevitably terminates a po-

before the machinery of the law for nated there remain BRIAND, DELCASSÉ, jury trial was set into operation. This RIBOT and a list of less conspicuous men. committee informed the Judge that CLEMENCEAU has been mentioned, but SCHRANK was under the influence of with BRIAND and his ancient enemy delusions based upon dreams since 1901 DELCASSÉ he is regarded as rather too fragments from two Harrigan and Hart and recently upon a vision accompanied strong, as too dangerous a politician, as by a voice commanding him to kill Mr. having the capacity to transform the ROOSEVELT, whom, besides other insane office rather than the willingness to ideas, he charges with putting President submit to the obscuration it has brought

At the moment, then, the search murderous mission. To the Judge's seems to have been resumed for some question, "Is the defendant in such con- "safe" man, not so obscure as to be ridicudition of mind that he is able to advise lous, not strong enough to become a real executive power.

# Early Man and His Name.

Naming the baby is notoriously problem of domesticity. Much greater. therefore, must be the problem of ple procedure precluded the biassed naming the ancestor, the founder of the race, the new old man vice ADAM Section 4700 of the Wisconsin Statutes dispossessed for non-payment of the provides that "the court shall in a sumtain if an accused person is at the time newfound man of Sussex, the pliocene of the trial insane and incapacitated person of ancient days, is now to be to act for himself, and that his trial enrolled; birth and baptism, marriage for such offence shall be postponed and mortuary statistics all made in a

of the State hospitals for the insane." this earliest man, and a woman at that, This act appears to have been lost sight was devoid of the power of speech. Yet of by Judges and lawyers, although it therein lies all the more reason that her has been on the statute books twelve descendants should file a protest against years. Another law, passed in 1911, the name proposed by her discoverer, suffrage, for every elective officer. In second provides that if the accused subsetory of the suggests Fothroquently recovers and comes up for pus, which he explains as "man of trial the presumption of insanity of the suggests Fothropus, which he explains as "man of a complete knowledge, yet he did not he strate to trial the presumption of insanity at dawn." This is clearly a case of the assert that "in this country" Miss Addams could the time the offence is committed shall second member of BEN JONSON'S "small not vote prevail unless a reasonable doubt of Latin and less Greek." The only manhis sanity is raised in the minds of the ner wherein cos the dawn and anthropos ership of the equal suffrage cause. But is it not jury. SCHRANK is still in charge of man may be compacted into such a ireating him too gently to mark his miestatethe courts, which alone may release verbal monstrosity as cothropus is the Naw York, December 21.

him, and he is liable for trial if he be- ingenious philology of Humpty Dumpty as set forth by LEWIS CARROLL, the

This is not the only instance in which

#### Why This Coldness?

It is Senator O'GORMAN who gives this

"The occupant of the White House for the next four years combines the political genius of JEFFERSON, the courage and resoand devoted patriotism of ABRAHAM LIN- author of 'Replies to a Chinese Official' I

A President in office is sure to be subjected to misrepresentation, to unsparing censure, to calumny, to abuse. It is a long time since the jurisdiction The more reason why a President-elect

#### Sad Days Down East.

We read the Boston letter of "Our Special Correspondent" in the Springfield Republican, and again thank heaven that we live in the virtuous and Meanwhile, it would be interesting consequently happy town of New York. to know the history of the note the In New England Christmas brings no old days of the wildcat banks would look six are on the retired list of the United

What Programme Could Be Better? of South Carolina on Saturday. The mas season which has most of the usual swing. financial transactions of black men in indications—variable weather, mild days, the South are not noted for providence. thin ice, little snow, immoderate present It is not impossible that the note wit- giving, adjourning Congress for too much nessed one of those inequitable trans- holiday, school vacations, late railroad programme he hopes to follow after actions of the kind made familiar by trains, and a painful struggle to be gay

ation is so completely out of proportion . Christmas buying upsets the markets, to the obligation assumed that no court crowds the trains and sidewalks, perverts I called them 'leather heads.' I may add to the best of my ability endeavor to give in the world would enforce payment, if the infant mind with fables of an impossible that you have only to put a cocked hat the Judge were honest and the signer Santa Claus, and produces overillustrated over these leather heads and the sale

> our souls. Our railroads run their wish for evidences of my learned legal exactly the proper number, just as are underillustrated non-gift books.

As for "an impossible Santa CLAUS," As for "an impossible Santa Claus," a trifle higher even than I did in '96. Take we never heard of such a thing. The a trial bottle home with you. Yours for their one dangerous foe kicked up- old fellow, to whom we should be glad to introduce any dyspeptic Yankee who

oklyn Lagle.

Why this bitterness against Harvard? That Oregon hen, the great Roseburg Industrious Biddy, whose record is 266 eggs in ten months and nineteen days, has done more to decrease the cost of living than all the trust busters.

Christmas is the time to open the purse and the heart -His Honor Honey Firs of

And the time to open wide the canorous and Orphean lips and troll out the grand old Boston municipal hymn, "Sweet Adeline."

No man is worthy to enjoy the confidence f a great people who is not willing to die, f need be, at any time for what he believes be right.-Dollar Bill.

Lofty and affecting sentiment! Translated into prose, however, this Nebraska hymn means that no party is worthy to njoy the confidence of a tribune of the people that isn't ready to come near dying in order that he may continue to make a good living.

## A Singer of Old Songs.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: aps the old timers will be edified by these This was sung by Johnny

The white folks sleep on the shady side Oh, they throw 'em in the wagon, For you can't sleep on the flagging

On the sunny side of Thompson street

And this was sung, I think, by Emma

We stroll along the quiet streets Or in the alley ways, Or all along the river front Or any place that pays.

Pop plays the concertina

To tunes we all know well. Poor old blind Paddy Dempsey

And his little daughter Net By the way, for "Mark Andrews's" infor- cries for the alcohol that destroys it. some of the old songs, though perhaps my voice might shake a little. For instance Violets, Sweeter Than All the Roses." I can also sing:

Oh, Mary Ann, Oh, Mary Ann. I'll tell your ma, A-flirting with the fellows on the Broadway car I can also sing "The Violet I Plucked I can also sing From Mother's Grave."
G. S. ANDERSON.

# EAST ORANGE, N. J., December 20.

Miss Addams's Vote.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Str: You cite as an example of Colonel Roosevelt's "audacty" hi lament that Miss Addams "Is not permitted t vote in this country. lute misstatement of fact more than audacious: in a number of States certainly 'in this country" Miss Addams might vote, were she willing to quanty by residence for registration for the

As you suggest, it is impertment of Colonel

DOLLAR BILL.

A Testimonial to Him in the Name of More Than Two Thousand Were Ap-Old Doctor Swamproot.

should be enacted at once, in order that early man has been called out of his financial fever old Dr. Swamproot, otherinsane persons be not subjected to name by his juniors. AMEGHINO has wise known as Dr. Dollar Bill, decided trial and on the other hand that a brief sought to establish a whole sequence of to leave his Florida retreat lest a more. Stabel that the Union armies in the civil residence in an asylum be not used to early man to which he has given the prolonged sojourn hurt his pill business. cheat justice. Our legal and legisla- impossible name of Prothomo and a Swamproot's Silver Pills are known tive minds would act wisely in following long numerical series of Diprothomo, wherever financial fever thrives. They bere one lieutenant-general, U. Triprothomo and so on. This naming are guaranteed under the Pain and one brevet lieutenant-general, It would be far more fair to all con- has proved too much for the good Panics Act of 1898. Many years, some Scott, cerned to abolish the battle of the experts altogether by the regular employment of sworn medical officials

Prothomo corrected to Proanthropos ployment of sworn medical officials Prothomo corrected to Proanthropos. fit of mankind and incidentally for the who have served in lunatic hospitals. Perhaps it is not yet too late to empiric himself, for was he not poor All checks, money orders, &c., to be made pay- to decide upon the sanity of the accused prevent Eothropus. English science and needy? Since those gloomy days for both sides, in order that the largest can scarcely afford to make such an Fortune has beamed upon this political bank account may not prevail and even exhibition of its ignorance of the prinone sees him seated to-day upon his Cloth

At first sight it would appear that there old milling failed to eliminate an irritant
of Gold with a Crown of Commoners upon
were more than 2,500 general officers, but that had very disastrous effects upon the of Gold with a Crown of Commoners upon his head, the stories of Tartuffe and Joseph a large number of men held more than one system, and after a winter of riotous eating Surface grow tawdry in comparison. Inserved in asylums. Only the latter critical, this almost niggardly judgment deed it has come to pass that there is no post of power or honor to which he does The oldest commission of major-general not aspire, as is shown by the following is that of General Sickles on the retired list, testimonial to himself:

"MY DEAR GOVERNOR: A short while ago was slightly flattered with the idea of lution of Jackson, with the kindly sympathy being Secretary Swamproot. Being the felt that I was unusually qualified for dealing with foreign problems, and furthermore I was pleased by your exhibit of The last major-general, U. S. A., was Willwisdom in recognizing that no one in | iam T. our party would be more competent to general, U. S. A., was General O. O. Howard, handle delicate questions of State. As a might need the services of a strong war President, in which case you would retire and write a history of my Administrations. But upon more careful reflection I determined to request that I be made Secretary of the Treasury, as I saw that Grenville Mellen Dodge, Peter Joseph there was some apprehension lest I de- Osterhaus, James Harrison Wilson and sire this portfolio. Nothing makes me hanker for a position more than the knowledge that there is strong and sound opposition to my filling it.

As Secretary of the Treasury I saw that I could bring to bear all my exceptional talents in financial affairs. like a side show beside the main tent i you allowed me to open up with a full

"However, upon my arrival in New York I found that there was even more concern about your appointing me as Attorney-General. Accordingly I respectfully insist that I receive this Cabinet position. If I can once get square with this New York crowd I could die happy. You know at the Baltimore convention of political swamproot will flood the of low finance to write about for the next The very thought of it ninety years. sense, carefully coached by the spugs, perience in drawing up wills with secret Congress cannot take too many holidays gifts highly qualifies me for enforcing to suit us. The school vacations rejoice and elucidating interstate laws? If you to be gav and jovial. Jollity descends ment ownership of the railroads I shall upon us and possesses us. Christmas simply submit old issues of the Commoner buying gladdens seller and buyer. The as briefs when the cases come to trial crowds on cars and on sidewalks pro- in the Supreme Court. Pay no attention mote good temper and aid digestion, to that young McCombs and that uncouth Infant minds are steadied and amused Underwood, for they are saplings too stiff by the incidents of the season. Over- for me to bend. You owe everything to illustrated gift books are produced in me; I made you, in spite of the fact that I named five compromise candidates to down you when I saw the opening. Haman hung pretty high, but I can swing things

> "BILL SWAMPROOT." MIDDLE AGE.

Why doesn't Harvard call Roosevelt?- His Are Satisfactions and Compensations Unknown to Youth.

> to THE SEN is probably shared by every man normal mentality who has submitted to the discipline of truth.

The perpetual sacrifice of the ego be-comes inevitable, and service is found to be the paramount issue of life.

To such a one the splenders of the uni-

verse are revealed, and his materialistic yoke becomes easier as the years advance. Compensations unknown to youth are his Faith becomes as real as the law of gravitation, and he becomes conscious of uniersal power, which sustains at all times.

Without necessarily becoming either reus or orthodox he recognizes the divinity of the Messianic principles. These things come with his heritage of

thought for the morrow" is but the expreson of a law or principle He finds that thousands of his fellow men

are responsive to the law and are absolutely Others, employing the same law, refer to as "subconscious suggestion

Confirmations of these fixed principles in his life come from many sources. He finds that this same fundamental law has been recognized all through the ages,

and the experience of countless generations has been registered in the expression "The Lord will provide. To the middle aged man this phrase then becomes something more than a "worsted

Circumstances count for very little, cause he is serenely conscious of the fact that all things are necessarily elements O. D. B. toward his ultimate good. NEW YORK, December 21.

## The Tariff Stimulant.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: When a drunkard endeavors to reduce the quantity of whiskey he consumes his nervous system I would like to say that I can sing persists in trying to return to healthful conditions he suffers enervation and torture. But the boon companions of such a man, knowing the specific for his disorder, tell him that a cocktail will make him feel like a fighting cock. To them the painfulness a fighting cock. To them the painfulness of reform is proof of its folly. When a nation drugged with the stimu-

o regain economic sobriety it, too, suffers gling on a moderate income reaction, enervation and pain. The re-forming man and the reforming nation My resolution to remain a bachelor is apparently welcomed by all the girls of my acquaint must suffer. The readjustment to healthful conditions demands pain and courage. The bartender has his cure for the tortures of the man, the protectionist his specific for the enervation of the nation; more whiskey, more tariff.

#### JAMES J. DOOLING. NIAGARA FALLS, December 20.

"More Complete."

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: In to-day's Sun "J. F. W." criticises President Hadley for teiling a reporter that his information was "more complete" than his own. To those who have sat under President Hadley in the classroom this

THE CIVIL WAR GENERALS.

pointed, and Few Survive. THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sic: It occurred to me after reading the editorial read with in THE SUN upon the late General officer. These grades were twelve in numten major-generals, major-generals of State troops:

held four. All the general officers of full skin rank in the United States army are dead. An commission as brigadier-general, U. S. A., is that of Martin D. Hardin, December 15, 1870, and the next I believe is that of John P. Hawkins, December 22, 1892. The majorgenerals of State troops are all dead; the last survivor was George B. McClellan. Sherman, and the last the major-generals of volunteers five still survive, of whom, however, only four held the rank during the actual period of the war ending May 26, 1865. were still created until near the end of November, 1865, and brevet generals until March, 1869. The five are: Daniel E. Sickles. Nelson Appleton Miles.

The next grade in the right of line is Six of these officers still survive: Adelbert Ames, John Parker Hawkins, James Harrison Wilson, Nelson Appleton Miles, Galusha Pennypacker and Daniel Edgar Sickles. States army, and two, General Ames and General Dodge, are not. The country came within one vote of losing the service Daniel E. Sickles. His nomination to the rank of brigadier-general of volunteer was sent to the United States Senate and was rejected by the Senate on March 20, A few days afterward President at the request of some Senators, sent in the nomination again and it was then approved, 19 to 18

FREDERICK H. HOWARD. NEW YORK, December 21.

### A ROCKY MOUNTAIN STAGE. The Driver's Magnanimous Compliment

to Broadway Charloteers. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: The stages recall to my mind a little drive I instances acted as if he were doing his authorities to regulate societies in the once took at a place in the Rocky Moun-tains where good driving was required. We had a buggy and a pair of horses. horses were young horses, pretty sprightly they seemed to me for driving such a locality, and the driver was a ung man; but we got through all right. The roads were good, though they ran long some places that looked tolerably along some places that looked tolerably Island farmer is known to be, for within asked the Board of Education to pass ticklish to me; but the driver kept the young a radius of twenty miles he would have a rule abolishing the societies. norses moving in these places just the same, with apparently as much confidence as he would have had driving across an open prairie. Then as we came around a other produce on Long Island. For exturn in the road we brought into view just ample, the farmers at the east end deahead a narrow gap, a thin cleft in the manded and in most cases obtained \$2 school. mountains, that our road passed through, a bushel for new potatoes last summer, and here I said to myself we certainly shall the retail purchaser even removing them have to slow up, for in the narrowest part of from the field! Then as time pass

those rock walls without touching a thing, a bushel the farmer realizes a fair profit. hough there couldn't have been on eithe side an inch of space to spare team along a road like this or to drive

a stage in New York? And he said, more PHILADELPHIA, December 21.

### FROM A HOTEL MAID. Her Experience as a Servant of All Work

in a Private Family. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: Looking over THE SUN this morning I came cross the article about more nurses than cooks and chambermaids. I want to say that the girls who work in private familie

have got such long hours they get dissatisfied with the work For instance, I have always worked in a hotel, and last summer went into a private family. My work consisted of getting up at 6:30 A. M., and before getting breakfast vest of experience, and after all experience at 8 o'clock had to sweep the dining room

He knows that the phrase "Take no breakfast for three, cooked and served by myself. Then upstairs until after lunch at 1:30 or 2. By the time lunch was over and dusting downstairs (I forgot to me tion this is a nine room house and no servant but me) it was 5 or 5:30. Then perhaps I received word that the family be home until 8 or 9, and they asked me to get supper. Salary, \$15, with board and

The nurse has to pay for her course, but she has about two or three nights off, and she does not mind the nights on, because she is in school and learning. But poor cook or maid never reads. She has one day off after 5 P.M., and then the same thing over and over.
You can get letters every day if you went

around and asked the girls for notes at the treatment and positions. Very few speak about having good positions, lik hotel work. HOTEL MAID. NEW YORK, December 20.

# A Hardened Old Bachelor.

To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN—Sir: Bachelors have lately been linked with the opprobrious term "parasites." One gets accustomed to being called a "selfish brute" from the public platform, but there should be a limit to this vilification. It is popularly supposed that the ordinary bachelor has his breakfast at his own expense, and for the rest of the day lives on his victims; that is, his and friends. This is far from being the truth. Personally, now and then I may dine with a relative less who has borrowed money of me because I am irresponsible, or rather because I have no responsibilities; but I generally eat in solltary grandeur, thanking goodness that I have not to face probable misery and almost control of the co

ance, for they one and all tell me that they don wish to be married. Very, very rarely do I meet an outspoken marrying maiden, although most mothers are terribly auxious for their daughters to follow their obviously unhappy example I consider myself just as useful a me

society as my counterpart, the honest, hard work-ing woman earning her own living, but I must onfess I don't wish to meet this cou confess I don't wish to meet this counterpar on a matrimonial basis, especially at this tim of the year. NEW YORK, December 21.

High Praise From Missouri Editor.

R. S. Coleman of Essex, one of Stoddard will bring a smile. President Hadley knew his information to be complete and "J. F. W." seems to entirely miss the point of his referring to the reporter's as "more complete."

R. W. H. Winsted, Conn. December 28.

Wednesday.

the Youthful System.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: I have great interest the recent conmunications in THE SUN "appertaining buckwheat cakes and am inclined to think war were commanded by about two thou- your various correspondents are raters sand men of the various grades of general and writers of more modern times, as one Board of Education Committee of the factors in old time buckwheat has s. Grant; been entirely overlooked, perhaps from Winfield modesty.

My recollection goes back to the '40s, when thirty-two brigadier-generals, U. S. A.: ancients as compared to the present day about 315 brigadier-generals, U. S. A., by were about the ratio of proof whiskey to brevet; about 590 brigadier-generals of sweetened south wind. The buckwheat of volunteers; about 1,260 brigadier-generals the ancients was certainly a strong man's volunteers by brevet, and thirty-six food, and as far as the youngsters were concerned I can speak emphatically commission: General Grant, for instance, the consequences were an eruption on the

And that was not the worst. The remedy was worse than the disease. That conis that of General Sickles on the retired list, dated April 14, 1869; the next oldest is that of General Miles, April 5, 1890. The oldest commission as brigadier-general, U. S. A., administered by the mother of the family just before bedtime, and if any of the larger children proved refractory they had to take it later with a leather slipper accompaniment by the hand of paterfamilias

It was good medicine and did the business all right, and I often wonder what the young cubs of the present day would do under like circumstances.

They were good old times after all, and after the sausage was all gone we used to ganizations. get a gravy made out of fat salt pork fried with a mixture of cream. But how times have changed! Who would dare go into a restaurant and order buckwheat cakes and salt pork gravy today? I would like some more than I can

Buckwheat flour was the staple in those times. And when the time came for the crop to mature you would often hear the query, How does your buckwheat fill?" farmers met at the village store to do their week's trading. As soon as the crop was threshed there was no time lost in getting it to the mill. The old griddle was brought out and was in constant use until the following spring, and in some houses they kept it hot all the year round.

ADJOINING CHENANGO COUNTY. NEW YORK, December 21.

Poor Long Island Farmer.

#### EZRA'S BEANS. Some Unsympathetic Remarks About the

To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: Let the above regulations. us have a little cold truth on the situation. Ezra Tuttle says that he was paid only 30 cents a bushel for lima beans which were sold in the New York market for between \$4 and \$5 a bushel. Ezra Tuttle is either talk by members of one or two of the a romancer or a mighty poor business man. fraternities that they will fight on the At the time he speaks of the retail price for ground that they have charters from lima beans in the villages on the south the State. This does not worry those side of Long Island, beyond Eastport, was who have conducted the campaign 15 cents a quart. We were compelled to pay this price or go without, for the producing farmer was very stiff and in some States which upheld the right of school

customers a favor.

People in other villages were similarly "skinned." Fifteen cents a quart means \$\$\footnote{schools}\$. Some time ago the high school committee recommended that the principals of the schools do away with the schools. If he could not find a better market than secret societies which have flourished 30 cents a bushel he must be a dull man indeed, much duller than the average Long year ago the board of superintendents had no trouble in disposing of his beans

As with beans so with potatoes and all hat cleft it seemed to me as if we could the supply increased the price sagged to only scrape by, tilting up the outer ends of the whiffletrees to do that; but the driver outbuildings of the farmers are filled with didn't seem to see any particular difficulty potatoes which are being held back for a sponsible. shead, he kept the young horses stepping rise in the hope that the \$2 mark may be right along and we went through between reached again. The fact is that at 60 cents charged that the girls smoked cigar-It "makes me tired" to hear and read all

this twaddle about the "poor farmer. He knew New York and I asked him what Why, there is no more prosperous and indehe thought: would it take more skill to drive | pendent class of workers than these very Long Island farmers. They have good homes with all the conveniences for modern skill in New York; for there the driver was housekeeping. They sport their automodife which "Middle Age" shows in his letter long.

C. T. W. the countrivide for the countrivity blasts are considered for the countrivity blasts and the countrivity blasts are considered for the countrivity blasts and the countrivity blasts are considered for the countrivity blasts and the countrivity blasts are considered for the considered for the countrivity blasts are considered for the considered for the consid and recreation in the land of the orange and the palm. If they were all as Ezra Tuttle appears to be, well might we com-miserate the "poor farmer." SUPPOLE. NEW YORK, December 20.

The Moving Picture and the Moving

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: From time to time the "movies" are subjected to severe eriticism, but I do not believe they deserve all the criticism they receive. That is, speaking of the "movies" in general. The films shown in the cheap theatres picturing murder and arson should be banished, but many of the films shown in the better class of theatres are educating, much more -called refined acts in the high class vaude-

Only the other evening while in search of a way to spend some idle time I dropped into a first class moving picture house. While there a film shown on the screen pointed a great moral lesson to the audience that packed the audito-

The film showed a young man recently man ried in the clutches of a loan shark firm. Illness in the family had depleted the savings of the young man, who as a last resort borrowed on the contents of his house. For a loan of \$50 he agreed to pay \$7.50 a week for a specified time. Of course he was forced to sign over his household effects as collateral.

particular time. The result was the firm of loan sharks brought two husky moving men to the house and started to move away the furniture, no regard being paid to the child lying ill in bed. Mounded by the loan shark, the young man lost one position after another, the favorite method being to come into the office and "bawl him out" before his employer. Finally the young man got into the employ of a business man who took charge of the matter and succeeded in plac-ing the facts before the District Attorney, who sent a representative to the home and stopped

The representative also succeeded in getting back all payments above the principal and the regu-lar rate of interest prescribed by law, much to the chagrin of the loan shark. Can any one question the value of such a film? Who knows but some young man seated in that auditorium was deterred from borrowing money from a loan shark after absorbing the moral

the loan shark from moving away the furniture

# Christmas Gifts.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: Yes, Robin Goodfellow, you are right, at Christmas time there should be "a tinge of clinging romance in your gift." Such thoughts are especially appro-priate in an age when it is deemed necessary to

we, if only for a few days, have a little sentiment and let our imaginations play and duly praise the One whose birth we celebrate and follow His beautiful lines, "Take no thought for the morrow; is not the soul more than meat? Is not the body JAMES D. DEWELL, Jr re than raiment?" NEW HAVEN, December 20.

The Jap Baker's Sign

From the Oriental Review.

The Oriental capacity for using our mother ongue with strange twists of unconscious humor is well known, but few examples are equal to this elicious sign on a Japanese baker's shop: "A. Karinura, Biggest Loafer in Tokio."

# GIOTIOUS WORKS, BUT B LITTLE SEVERE ON HIGH SCHOOLS MAY BAR ALL SECRET SOCIETIES

to Report Against "Frats" on Thursday.

The im- WILL END LONG CAMPAIGN

Small Likelihood of Opposition and Rule Probably Will Be Adopted.

All secret societies in the boys and

girls' high schools of the city will be

abolished at a meeting of the Board of Education on Thursday if a report by the committee on high schools is adopted. This is likely to be done and with | it means the end of "frats" and sororities in the high schools of this city. For years there has been agitation over the question of how much good or harm came from fraternities and

sororities. About two years ago the Board of Education took up the subject in a serious way-other cities had done it before-and now the high school committee has reported against the or-If the committee on high schools has its way, and there is small likelihood of opposition worth while, the following

rule which had been framed by the

by-laws committee will be adopted by

the Board of Education: No secret society, secret club or secret organization shall be permitted in any high school. All meetings of any society, club or organization in any high school shall be open to and its constitution, by-laws and the minteacher designated by the principal or any superintendent or any member of the Board of Education. No pupil of any high school shall join or obtain membership in any society, club or or ganization which makes use of the school name directly or indirectly, or which purports to be a school organization and which does not comply with

Thousands of boys and girls who are members of fraternities and sororities will come under this rule. There is

in a number of the schools. About a

One of the principal objections to the societies was that they were undemocratic and did not belong in public schools, if they belonged at all in any

Members of the societies were led into vicious habits. They held meetings outside of the Schools without supervision of any kind. Boys smoked cigarettes to excess in the privacy of their fraternity rooms and became irre-

As for sororities, while it was not ettes as a general thing, complaint was nade that secret societies made the snobbish and on the whole did not help them in their school work. In addition they got to reading books which

The answer to all this was that bove and girls worked harder, their so standard was higher and they put forth their best efforts in an endeavor to become members of the secret societies One of the greatest opponents of secret societies has been Dr. William McAndrew, head of the Washington

would not be tolerated in the schools.

4.728 girls. He has never had a secret orga tion in the school, although th clubs for almost every conceivable object. Any girl who is a member of the school may toin any or all the clubs if she wants to pay the dues.

Irving High School, where there are

"Any club which is not & se ganization and to which any stri may belong may get a room to hold a meet ing in this school if the officers of the club promise to do one thing," said Dr. McAndrew. "They must promise to lean up the room when they get through, pick up the paper and things hrown on the floor." At the Washington Irving they have

swimming, social science, housekee social usage, dramatic and author among other clubs. There is the Randall's Island Club, for instance, the members of which buy and dress dolls for household effects as collateral.

Through continued illness of his child the young the island.

man after making five or six payments had a hard time trying to meet the payment due at a been frequent demands that Dr. Mcthe children in the city institutions on

> The usual argument has been that there were sororities in other high school Dr. McAndrew never turned down the proposition himself. With a "My dear" this and a "My dear" that the girls were informed that the proposition would be presented to all the pupils in the assembly room the

> Andrew consent to secret organizations.

next day. If the majority were in favor of the sorority it could be organized; otherwise it could not. "Well," said Dr. McAndrew in esplaining why the sororities never got into Washington Irving. "the majority of boys and girls are at heart demo-

cratic. So we never have had a s "Every year the girls all get together and the Washington Irving Association

gives a reception to the wife of the Governor. That's fine! "If the Board of Education adopts the by-law it will be up to the superin tendents to enforce it, and it can be done. It has been done in other cities."

About five years ago William L. Fel-ter of the Girls High School in Brooklyn organize a society against estentations and hypo-critical Christmas giving.

I have no fight with commercialism, but can't them have any new members. not abolish them. He declined to ist result they died out about two years

Dr. Walter B. Gunnison of the Eres

mus Hall High School has not been

against secret societies. He says they have advanced the work of the students but in his school the societies have be rigidly supervised. There are a few instances where suates continue membership in their his school fraternities. Usually the

goes to college, and his college